

BRITISH TOOK  
BIG SLICE OF  
TERRITORY

The Infantry Charged This Morning over a Front Six Miles Long and Penetrated at Some Points as Far as 3,000 Yards—Fighting Is Continuing

ALSO MADE ADVANCE  
SOUTH OF THIEPVAL

French Made Attack North of the Somme and Captured Series of Trenches, Going as Far as the Village of Rancourt—German Attacks at Verdun Lose

London, Sept. 15.—The British returned to the attack on the Somme front last night, charging over a sector six miles long. The war office announced today that they had advanced from 2,000 to 3,000 yards and were continuing to progress.

The attack was made along the whole British front, over which the heaviest of the fighting has been in progress recently. The British advanced in a line from Bouleaux wood, between Comblès and Ginchy, to a point north of the Bapaume highway.

Preceding this morning's extensive offensive, the British last night drove forward southeast of Thiepval and captured about 1,000 yards of German trenches, including a strong fortified position.

Paris, Sept. 15.—North of the Somme the French last night captured a series of German trenches and advanced as far as the village of Rancourt, the war office announced today.

On the Verdun front two German attacks were repulsed.

FLERS ALSO CAPTURED  
BY THE BRITISH

Town Two Miles North of Ginchy Seized and Troops Have Advanced to Outskirts of Martinpuich.

London, Sept. 15.—The British in their offensive along the Somme front have broken the third line of German defense and taken Flers, two miles north of Ginchy, according to a Reuters report. The British forces are also reported to have gained the outskirts of Martinpuich, a mile and one-half east of Pozieres, the report adds.

BULGARIANS RETREAT  
AFTER TRIPLE DEFEAT  
BY THE ENTENTE

Brilliant Victory Won By the Serbians in Which They Captured 25 Cannon and a Large Number of Prisoners.

Paris, Sept. 15.—The entente allies have won a series of successes on the Macedonian front. The war office announced today that French, British and Serbian forces, operating at different points, have broken through the Bulgarian defenses. The French captured positions half a mile deep over a front of a mile.

A brilliant victory for the Serbians over the Bulgarians was scored after a battle lasting several days west of Lake Ostrovo, near the western end of the fighting line.

The British success was effected west of Vardar, near the center of the entente front, where they captured important positions. The lines forced by the French were to the east of Vardar. The Serbians captured 25 cannon and a large number of prisoners, as yet uncounted, east of Vardar. The Bulgarians, after their defeat, says the statement, retired a distance of 12 miles.

London, Sept. 15.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Saloniki says that the victory won by the Serbians compelled the Bulgarians to retreat. The Serbians are reported to have captured more than 20 field guns. They took Bulgarian positions at Malkanidze, north-west of Lake Ostrovo, the despatch says, whereupon the Bulgarians retired in the direction of Florina. The Bulgarians are also said to be retreating from their positions further south.

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## COMBLÉS SQUEEZED.

Village Seems Likely to Fall Before Joint Attack.

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TRAINS PELTED  
WITH MISSILES

One Shot Fired and Bullet Just Grazed a Passenger's Shoulder

WINDOWS BROKEN  
IN NIGHT ATTACK

There Is Some Hope That a Sympathetic Strike in New York May Be Averted

New York, Sept. 15.—Although union leaders virtually abandoned hope that Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission may bring about an amicable adjustment of differences between the striking street railway men and their employers, belief was strong in official circles today that some action would be taken within 24 hours to avert a threatened sympathetic strike of 70,000 trade unionists.

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ALL ON BOARD  
THOUGHT SAVED

When Pacific Liner Congress Burned Off Oregon Coast—There Were 423 People on Steamer.

Marshall, Ore., Sept. 15.—Fire last night completely destroyed the Pacific Coast company's liner Congress two miles off Cross Bay bar. Several vessels, which rushed to her assistance in response to distress calls, helped remove her 253 passengers and crew of 170. It is believed that no lives were lost, although this will not be established beyond a doubt until all boats which went to the scene have returned here.

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## TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss Mildred Churchill of Berlin was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Harriet Lander of South Main street is passing several days with friends in Burlington.

Henry Manini, who has been in Burlington for several days on business, returned to Barre today.

Sibley Young resumed his duties at the A. P. Abbott store this morning after taking a vacation of a week.

Henry Freeman of Woodsville, N. H., was among the business visitors in the city yesterday, returning to his home this morning.

John D. Daniels, who has been visiting in the city and East Barre since the first of the month, left yesterday for his home in Chazy, N. Y.

Miss Gladys Gale and Kenneth Gale of Wallingford street left this morning for Boston, where they will resume their courses in music.

Harold B. Scribner, who has been visiting friends on South Main street during the past two weeks, left this morning for his home in Pomfret.

Mrs. Alexander McLeary, who has been making an extended sojourn with friends and relatives in Barre and vicinity, left this morning for her home in Portland, Me.

Miss Louise Hurry of upper Washington street left yesterday for Rutland, where she will visit at the home of Mrs. Frank Barker during the remainder of the month.

Mrs. Stella Laviolette of North Main street left last night for Shelburne, where she was called on account of the severe sickness of her daughter, Miss Lois Laviolette.

Miss Gladys Higgs, who has been employed at the Mountain View house in Whitefield, N. H., during the past three months, returned to her home on Prospect avenue today.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Abbott returned to their home on West Patterson street last night, after attending the state fair, where Mr. Abbott had a display of the Washington county crops.

Miss Louise arrived in the city this noon and will visit relative in the city for a few days, while en route from her home in Dorchester, Mass., to Burlington, where he will enter the University of Vermont next week.

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## PROMINENT VERMONT DEMOCRAT.

James E. Burke of West Rutland Died After Long Illness.

Rutland, Sept. 15.—James E. Burke of West Rutland, a prominent marble man, insurance agent and democrat, died at his home yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock following a long illness with sugar diabetes. Mr. Burke was a member of the democratic state committee for several years and had been sent as delegate to several national conventions of the party. He had also held town offices, including those of school director, selectman and town representative.

Mr. Burke was born in West Rutland May 19, 1866. For 20 years he had been general agent for the New York Life Insurance company and has been one of the most successful representatives of the concern in New England.

He had always been interested in marble developments, having founded the Orville Marble company. He was instrumental also in the formation and growth of the Caledonia Marble company, of which he was secretary at the time of his death.

He was at the head of the so-called "Burke" faction which was in opposition to the "Brown" division of the Democratic party several years ago, the warring factions dividing the party in Vermont for a number of years. Mr. Burke was a prominent member of the A. O. U. M., having served as president of the state organization and the West Rutland division. He leaves a wife and five children.

## INDICTED FOR MURDER.

George W. Duncan of Rutland to Be Tried Soon.

Rutland, Sept. 15.—The grand jury in Rutland county court which began work Wednesday under the direction of State's Attorney C. V. Poulin yesterday reported one true bill and one not found. The indictment returned is against George W. Duncan, former proprietor of the Holland house here, who shot and killed his wife at the home of a relative in this city during a fit of jealousy a few weeks ago. Duncan is charged with murder in the first degree. He will have his trial at the present term of court.

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JOIN FORCES  
IN BIG CAUSE

Farming and Business Interests of New England Propose to Unite

CONFERENCE HELD  
AT SPRINGFIELD

Theodore N. Vail Made the Opening Address Before Conference

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 15.—Plans for the formation of a farm and business union to cover New England were discussed at a conference of farmers and business men here today. Theodore N. Vail made the opening address and William H. Lee of New Haven acted as temporary chairman of the conference.

From the 75 branches of the Quarry Workers' International union scattered throughout the United States and Canada, returns indicate that Fred W. Sutor has been unanimously re-elected to the office of secretary and treasurer for the ensuing two years. At the outset there were two other candidates for the office in the sense that their names were presented by branches. John King of Granville, who was the nominee of the Bethel branch, withdrew from a possible contest as soon as he was advised of the action taken by the Windsor county quarry workers. The same stand was taken by P. J. Dacey of Milford, Mass., when the branch in his home city presented his name.

Thus the withdrawal of Messrs. King and Dacey left the field to Mr. Sutor and the voting thereafter was of a nature more or less perfunctory. Each branch, however, polled its preference and the returns from all corners of the great area embraced by the association have been tabulated by the executive council.

The return of Mr. Sutor to the responsibilities of the two offices furnishes striking evidence of the confidence reposed in him by quarry workers wherever they are organized in the United States and Canada. Since the last election—in 1914—the secretary-treasurer has been called upon to handle some very delicate situations. A large number of agreements have expired and in practically every instance settlements wholly satisfactory to the union members have been reached. Mr. Sutor was called from the Graniteville branch in 1910 to take up the duties of the office and with his re-election this week he enters upon his fourth term.

Following the mass the members marched to the town hall, where they were welcomed by O. W. Spallholz, president, responded for the A. O. H. and the village. Dr. J. J. Derven, state Miss Mabel Force of West Rutland, vice-president of the auxiliary, spoke for the ladies.

Business meetings at Hibernian hall followed, morning and afternoon sessions being held. Recent W. O. W. were adopted, proclaiming the loyalty of the order and individual members to the mother church, and recognizing the Irish Republican tricolor flag, under which President Patrick Pearse and his associates fought, as the emblem of true Irish nationalism. Another resolution denounced England for insults to American rights and citizens and requesting the moral support of all civilized nations in insisting upon justice to Ireland.

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## MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

For Five Occupants of Ford Car Which Slid Over Bank Near Sharon.

That five persons in a Ford automobile were not killed or seriously injured when their car pitched over a 20-foot bank on the main highway south of the village of Sharon yesterday as the car turned out for another Ford—a roadster—seemed miraculous to those who came along and saw the position of the wrecked vehicle after it had turned turtle and lodged half way down the bank against a small tree. As it turned out, only Mrs. Henry Belden of Rochester was injured to any extent and she sustained nothing more serious than the cracking of a bone in her breast. Her husband was under the car when rescued and he spit considerable blood, but was able to be about. Others in the car were Fred Belden and Wilfred and Joseph Audette.

The members of the party in the Rochester car put the blame for the accident on the driver of the Ford roadster, claiming that he crowded them and that in passing, both going southward, the rear end of his vehicle hit theirs and shoved it over the edge of the bank. The Belden car was running very near to the edge in order to give all the room possible to the car coming up behind, whose horn was being sounded for the right of way and which was traveling at a fairly smart pace. The Ford roadster did not stop as the Ford touring car slid over the bank. Word was telephoned southward just as soon as possible and several persons claim to have seen the Ford roadster, containing a man and a boy, making fast time.

Late in the afternoon a Ford roadster numbered 8249 Vt. and carrying a man and a boy returned, and the driver, who turned out to be W. D. Walker of Montpelier, R. F. D. route, said he was accused at the state fair grounds of having struck another car, pushing it over the bank. Mr. Walker thought he wasn't to blame and that he did not hit the car. There were no recent telltale marks on his car to substantiate the claim of the Belden car occupants, but the latter declared at once that the Walker vehicle was the one that passed them. There were threats of legal action against him.

The car from Rochester was considerably damaged. The windshield was broken and the right axle was bent, besides minor effects of rolling down a bank. The car was held at the acute angle in which it had stopped by means of ropes until such time as wreckers could come and hoist it up the bank. During the day all the occupants of the car in its plume were able